

SUBJECT:

Awards Recognition Ceremony

TO BE RELEASED:

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City Council recognition ceremony for civilians and paramedic teams that were instrumental in saving, Mr. Dwight T. Mensinger's Life one year ago

Fremont, CA – On Tuesday evening, February 8, 2005, at 7:00 PM, the Fremont City Council, Fremont Fire Department and Senator Alquist's Office will be honoring the paramedic teams and private citizens that were part of the "Chain of Survival" which contributed to the successful resuscitation of San Jose resident, Mr. Dwight T. Mensinger on February 2, 2004.

According to the American Heart Association, 460,000 citizens suffer sudden cardiac arrest every year. The national resuscitation success rate average per 1,000 cardiac arrest victims is less than 5%, with Alameda County having a 14% success rate. CPR alone until paramedics arrive has a 10% survival rate. Mr. Mensinger just celebrated his new birthday on February 2, which places him in an exclusive club of cardiac arrest survivors.

The quick thinking and heroic actions of Ms. Mai Tran, Ms. Michelle Co, and Mr. Nguyen, Doan extended the clock for rescuers the morning of Mr. Mensinger's sudden cardiac arrest. Fremont Fire Department Dispatchers, Engine 7, Truck 7 and American Medical Response Unit 569 responded to this 911 call and through their aggressive advanced life support work-up, were able to bring him back to life within seventeen minutes of his cardiac arrest. Mr. Mensinger was transported to Kaiser Hospital in Fremont, where additional life saving treatment took place. Today, Mr. Mensinger is neurologically intact and living proof that CPR and a rapid paramedic response makes a difference.

For more information on this awards ceremony contact Division Bob O'Brien at (510) 494-4224, or 510-453-3803 (cell).

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